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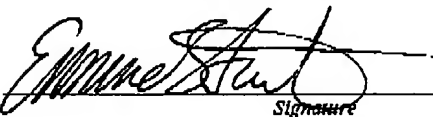
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**MAR 31 2006**Application No. 10/715,480  
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Attorney Docket No. 86493-2**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re: U.S. Patent Application of Marc-André SÉGUIN ET al.  
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For: TRAFFIC-SIGNALLING SYSTEM

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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Further to the Examiner Interview conducted telephonically on February 23, 2006 in respect of the above-identified application, and in response to the Interview Summary of March 3, 2006, the following is a statement of the substance of this Interview. Participating in the Interview were Examiner E. Blount and the undersigned.

Please note that a Response to the Office Action of December 15, 2005 was filed on February 27, 2006, prior to mailing of the aforementioned Interview Summary.

The Applicant respectfully agrees with the statements made by the Examiner in the Interview Summary of March 3, 2006. Specifically, claims 1 and 11 of the present application were discussed.

With regard to claim 1, it was agreed that the term "substantially identical" would be removed and replaced with a statement that more clearly defined the

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relationship between the modular components. This was done in the response that was filed by the Applicant on February 27, 2006.

With regard to claim 11, the Examiner indicated that this claim may be allowable if no new references were found and if there was supervisor approval.

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### ***Conclusion***

As mentioned above, a Response to the Office Action of December 15, 2005 was filed on February 27, 2006, prior to the mailing of the Interview Summary.

Early allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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